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Important Information About Continuing Education, Upcoming License Renewals, and Renewing PT Compact Privileges

The 2022 licensure renewal cycle for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants is fast approaching. Licensees will receive renewal notices with instructions for accessing the online process **beginning in early November** with a renewal deadline of December 31, 2022.

IMPORTANT: Please note that you will not be able to renew your license online until 60 days prior to the renewal deadline (approximately on or about November 1, 2022).

As licensees prepare for the renewal process, the below information provides helpful reminders for this renewal cycle.

1. Continuing Education (CE) Requirement

There are no changes to the CE requirement for renewal of licenses in 2022. This means that PT and PTA licensees are expected to attest to the completion of at least 30 contact hours of CE activities within the two years immediately preceding renewal:

- A minimum of 20 of the contact hours required for physical therapists and 15 of the contact hours required for physical therapist assistants shall be in Type 1 courses.
- No more than 10 of the contact hours required for physical therapists and 15 of the contact hours required for physical therapist assistants may be Type 2 activities or courses.
- New licensees are exempt from the continuing competency requirements for the first biennial renewal following the date of initial licensure by examination in Virginia.

For more information on how Type 1 or Type 2 courses are defined, please review [18VAC112-20-131](#).

For Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Board's website at: https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/PhysicalTherapy/pt_faq.htm#Continuing%20Education.

To access CE reporting forms for your records, visit the following links:

- [Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form](#) (revised August 2022)
- [Continuing Education Credit Form for Volunteer Practice](#)

2. Active Practice Requirement

In order to renew an active license, a licensee is required to attest to meeting the Board's requirement for active practice. ([18VAC112-20-130](#))

"Active practice" means a minimum of 320 hours of professional practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within the 48-month period immediately preceding renewal. Active practice may include supervisory, administrative, educational, or consultative activities or responsibilities for the delivery of such services. (18VAC112-20-10)

3. Reminder: New Paper Licenses Will Not Be Issued After Renewal

During the last renewal cycle (2020), licensees received a "last" hard paper copy of their license that contained no expiration date. No paper licenses will be issued following the 2022 or later renewal cycles.

Health regulatory agencies, licensees, employers, insurance providers, and citizens seeking verification of current licensure status in the Commonwealth of Virginia may obtain this information via the Department of Health Professions' [License Lookup](#).

A replacement or duplicate of a final hard-copy license, certification, registration, or permit may be requested through an individual licensee's [online account](#).

4. Renewals and Changes of Address

In early November, renewal notices will be sent electronically to each licensee's e-mail address of record on file with the Board. If address changes (physical or electronic addresses) are necessary, licensees will have the opportunity to make those changes during the renewal process.

If you have any questions, please visit the Board's website at www.dhp.virginia.gov/PhysicalTherapy.

Important Information About the PT Compact and Renewal of Your PT Compact Privileges

Renewal of Compact Privileges

Do you hold Compact Privileges to practice in other states?

As a reminder, all compact privileges expire on the same date as your home state license. If Virginia is your home state, then your compact privileges are set to expire on December 31, 2022.

To avoid the expiration of your compact privileges, **you must renew your home state license before you can renew your compact privilege** if you want to continue practicing in those state(s).

Once your home state license is renewed, visit the PT Compact website at ptcompact.org to initiate the renewal process for your compact privilege(s).



What You Need to Know about the PT Compact

The PT Compact is an agreement between states that allows PTs and PTAs to practice in multiple states with only a home state license. Obtaining a compact privilege is faster, less expensive, and easier than getting and maintaining licenses in multiple states.

Getting a compact privilege is a great way to expand your reach and give you flexibility. It can be useful for travel PTs, military spouses, telehealth practitioners, and PTs and PTAs near borders. However, there are a few important things to keep in mind.

- You cannot use a compact privilege to practice/work in your permanent residence/home state.
- It is not a multi-state license. You must get a compact privilege for each state you wish to work in, and the fees vary by state.
- Many states also require a jurisprudence exam to ensure you understand the state laws.
- Fortunately, there is no special continuing education requirement; you just need to maintain your home state CEUs.

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